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District TK expansion bucks statewide enrollment trends



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TK: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton sat with the Transitional Kindergarten students of Franklin Elementary School in May during a unit on food.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Despite statewide concerns about stagnant enrollment in California Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs, those concerns don't apply to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), as the district's TK expansion has continued into the upcoming school year.

The TK program is akin to preschool, a space in which SMMUSD Director of Early Learning Susan Samarge-Powell said four-year-olds "learn how to be a student" and be part of a bigger group. California Governor Gavin Newsom expanded TK in 2021 for all four-year-olds to participate, and beginning with the 2025-26 school year, all districts will have a requirement to offer the grade level.

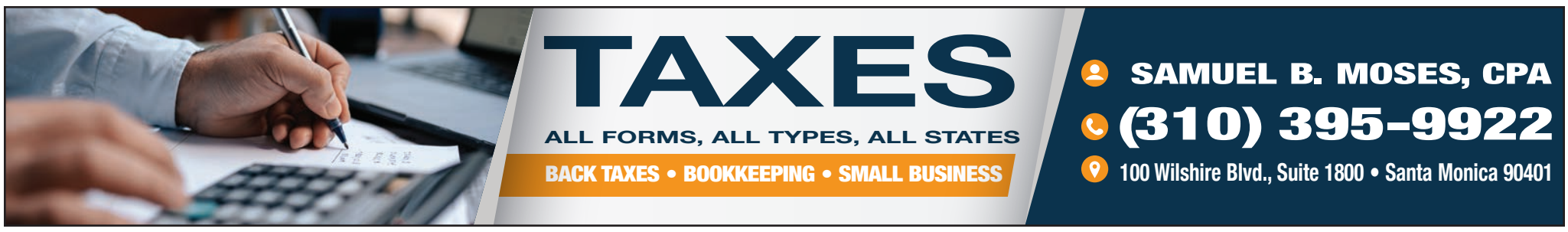
Though enrollment in California's TK classrooms doubled from 75,500 in 2021-22 to 151,500 last year, per California Department of Education data, much of the increase was tied to expanded eligibility in the program. According to a CalMatters study, using two approaches (kindergarten class size as a proxy and 4-year-old population projections), the percentage of eligible TK students enrolled in classes dropped between 4% and 7% in that same timeframe.

Several reasons were laid out as explanations, such as extensive preschool programs as an alternative and staffing requirements as an obstacle. Currently, the district is seeing a downturn in pre-school attendance at spots like Washington West while TK numbers are rising, but Samarge-Powell noted the district is still "committed" to fully supporting these environments.

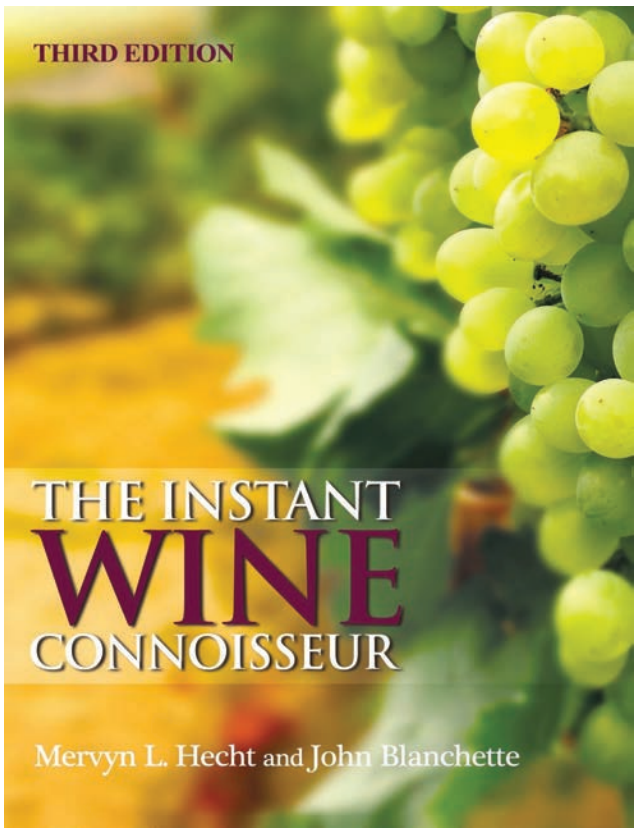
She added that kids that would typically stay in preschool for two years, from age 3 to age 5, are now moving to the TK level at age 4, cutting their time short. Conversations are ongoing to expand the Santa Monica Infant and Toddler Center at Samohi, which currently serves infants from 6 weeks to 35 months of age, and for preschools to take more 2-year-olds in order to keep the 2-year schedule.

Prior to the statewide rollout, the district

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Santa Monica startup is offering therapy through an AI-based learning app



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ROSEBUD: Rosebud co-founders Chrys Bader (left) and Sean Dadashi (right) have hit upon an idea to use AI for the power of good.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A local Santa Monica startup has developed a unique software application that encourages the user to write a journal, of sorts, which then allows an artificial intelligence to "get to know you" and offer positive mental health advice.

Called Rosebud, it "provides personalized feedback and guidance as you write. It's like having a conversation with a mentor who really gets you and keeps your best interest in mind." According to the website, "as it gets to know you — your life, goals, challenges, relationships — it evolves beyond a journal and into an active partner in your personal growth."

Co-founded by Chrys Bader and Sean Dadashi, they form half of a team of four based in a small office on Main Street.

"So you could be journaling one day and say something like 'I'm having a tough day, I'm feeling a bit lost.' And then the app might say, 'Well, last week you mentioned this. Could it be related to that?' And so it helps you kind of connect the dots across the board," Bader says.

The app launched a year ago as a web-based platform only, but last week it became available for the first time on iOS and Android through the App Store and Google Play.

"We launched a year ago as a website and since then, we've had a lot of traction, over 100 million words written now and over 5000 ratings. People love the app, and a lot of people reported it being life changing. And honestly, it was kind of surprising to us just how impactful it has been," Bader says.

There is a free trial of the Premium Service after which the service starts at $12.99 per month or $107.99 per year, which works out at $8.99 per month. Alternatively, there is a free service, but there are additional add ons that can be purchased, including the option to also incorporate a voice-based input should you feel more comfortable talking rather than writing.

"There's a voice mode that you can speak to it. That will transcribe everything anyway and it's pretty accurate. Then it can also speak back to you, so you can have it play back responses and if you really want to, you can get into a full back and forth dialog and completely hands off just talking," says Bader.

Like any worthwhile creation, its conception comes through necessity. Bader explains that the pandemic offered a chance to reflect upon a few life choices. Following a retreat to Colorado he made efforts to get back to the gym, re-evaluate the work he was currently doing and even to start keeping a journal himself.

"My partner journals every day for like, six years without missing a day. Those always impressed me. So I said, 'Okay, let me, let me try this. I've heard of this. It's like meditation. They're proven benefits and they're scientifically proven.' Let me give it a shot," Bader says.

He wondered what would happen if an AI had access to his journals and if it could

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Council race takes shape with 11 individuals filing for four seats

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's options for the November election have (mostly) taken shape with a combined 21 candidates running for seats on City Council, Rent Control Board, School Board and College Board.

Candidates who want to appear on the ballot had through August 14 to file their paperwork with local officials and while the race for Council has become relatively crowded, the rest of the local elections are quite sparse, if not outright uncontested.

A total of 21 individuals had initially pulled papers in the race for City Council but as of 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 only 11 individuals filed their applications. Of the applicants, eight had already qualified as official candidates and others were awaiting verification of the required signatures. One candidate filed an application but was rejected due to a lack of verifiable signatures and the rest withdrew or did not file.

City Council races are always competitive in Santa Monica and while the number of individuals varies from year to year, this year's total is close to the average.

Four candidates are already running as a slate (Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell and Natalya Zernitskaya). Incumbents Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre are expected to announce two individuals to join them as a competing slate.

The field of candidates thins dramatically outside the council race. Three incumbents and one challenger filed for the three seats available on the School Board. All four individuals have qualified for the race guaranteeing an election.

The College Board also has four individuals filing for three seats; however, one potential candidate is still awaiting verification of their application.

The Rent Control Board is uncontested as of this week with only two people applying for two open seats.

If either College Board or Rent Control Board remain uncontested following the write-in period, those elections would be canceled and the applicants appointed into the open seats.

Individuals who miss the August window can still run for office if they qualify as a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates must fulfill the same requirements as regular candidates but do not have their names included in the ballot. The window for write-in applications is from Sept. 9 – Oct. 22.

Ballots will be mailed to voters starting on Oct. 7. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 21 and Election Day is Nov. 5. However, vote-by-mail ballots can be returned starting in October and there may be in-person voting centers open prior to Election Day.

CITY COUNCIL (4-YEAR TERMS) 4 SEATS
Whitney Bain
Phillip L. Brock (Incumbent) – Qualified
Oscar de la Torre (Incumbent) – Qualified
Dan Hall – Qualified
Wade Kelley
Ericka Lesley
John Putnam – Qualified
Ellis Raskin – Qualified
Dr. Vivian A. Roknian – Qualified
Barry A. Snell – Qualified
Natalya Zernitskaya – Qualified

RENT CONTROL (4-YEAR TERMS) 2 SEATS
Kay Ambriz (Incumbent) – Qualified
Phillis Dudick

COLLEGE BOARD (4-YEAR TERMS) 3 SEATS
Anastasia Foster – Qualified
Zoe Muntaner
Margaret Quinones-Perez (Incumbent) – Qualified
Rob Greenstein Rader (Incumbent) – Qualified

SCHOOL BOARD (4-YEAR TERMS) 3 SEATS
Christine Falaguerra – Qualified
Jon Kean (Incumbent) – Qualified
Maria Leon-Vazquez (Incumbent) – Qualified
Jennifer Smith (Incumbent) – Qualified

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.3**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: Thigh to waist 2-3FT

Lingering SSW swell is down a smidge from Wednesday while NW windswell is up a peg. That's a recipe for some peaks at the beachbreaks and cruisy corners for the points. Morning conditions look decent.

FRIDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Could be a fun day of waves if wind can cooperate for the AM. Currently looking like they will. Old SSW swell down a notch but a fresh round of SW/SSW swell is creeping in. NW windswell is up and shape is peaky west of Dume.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 63. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east after midnight.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2024/08/16	Fri	09:02 AM	3.74		H
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2024/08/16	Fri	7:26 PM	6.23		H
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9 22 57 67 68
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/13
34 55 59 65 70
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 464 M

SUPERLOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/10
9 21 32 34 42
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 13 M

FANTASY 5
Draw Date: 8/13
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DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/13
EVENING: 8 0 3
Draw Date: 8/13
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Draw Date: 8/13
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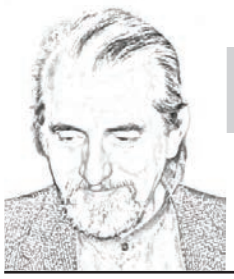
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The Bowl will ring your bell





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BELL AND MIDORI: Joshua Bell and Midori Gotō will be hitting the Hollywood Bowl this coming week.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Tonight - THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "The Winter's Tale" is one of Willie the Shake's last, a tragi-comedy in five acts. TB's ever-evolving staple "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been performed by them every season, for more than half a century now. Molière's classic "Wendy's Peter Pan" is typical of how TB takes a fresh look at things, and by title alone sounds like a lot of fun. "Tartuffe" is brought forward a few centuries, and right into today's headlines. "Midsummer" Thurs, 7:30 p.m., "Winter" Fri 7:30 p.m.,"Tartuffe" Sun 3:30 p.m., "Wendy" Sun 7:30 p.m., $15-60.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

"WILD THINGS ARE HAPPENING: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK" – Now you can see them much bigger than a page in a book. This is the first complete retrospective of his art since his death in 2012, and includes his work in many areas of the arts. 8/15 - 9/1, Skirball Museum, admission price? Parking fee - call for info and hours.

Tonight - "THE SUBSTANCE OF FIRE" – is still getting glowing reviews, and packing them in at our local theater treasure, The Ruskin, at the airport, in this long run. Written in 1991 by Jon Robin Baitz while still in his 20s, he drew his characters lovingly and skillfully, even those decades past his age. Directed here by Mike Reilly, the first NY production starred Rob Rifkin and Sarah Jessica Parker. Lead Rob Morrow first performed it years ago, as the youngest son. Now he plays the aging Holocaust-survivor patriarch of a family business, a book publishing company not doing well and about to be taken over by a large foreign firm. His children want him to bend his principles and publish a best-seller, but he is intent on a six-book examination of Nazi medical experiments. It's almost like two plays, first the family dynamics with his three very different shareholding children, and in the second part comes Marcia Cross as a psychiatric social worker, and a different territory opens up. Thurs, Fri, Sat 8p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $25-40.

Tonight - JOSHUA BELL, LA PHIL – Master violinist Bell is usually leading the magnificent Academy of St. Martin in the Fields these days, so this is a treat to see him out front playing. He brings his new composition "The Elements," plus Aaron Copland's "El Salón México," and Leonard Bernstein's magical "Symphonic Dances from 'West Side Story'." Thurs 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $1-142.

10cc - OK, this is a little iffy, they've been around 50 years, there is only one (remarkable) original member, but these literate rockers were truly unique in their songwriting ("I'm Not in Love," "Dreadlock Holiday." "Rubber Bullets," "Wall Street Shuffle"), and since this is called "Ultimate Greatest Hits Tour," I have high hopes. With guest Robin Taylor Zander (of Cheap Trick, also celebrating 50). Thurs 8 p.m., Theatre at Ace Hotel,LA, $42-87.

All-Dvořák, MIDORI, LA PHIL – What?! Two phiddle phenoms with the phantastic LA Phil, in the same week? How fortunate

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AROUND TOWN

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Olivia Rodrigo & Food Events



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BUS: Pop music star Olivia Rodrigo's Tour Bus Experience comes to the Promenade this weekend.

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Venice Art Crawl, Olivia Rodrigo Tour Bus Experience, a variety of food events, and much more!

3rd St. Promenade Block Party: This first of monthly Third Thursday summer block parties features live music from 1969 Rock Band, DJ Penny Wild, and Jontha Links. Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., 1200 Block, Third Street Promenade https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-thursdays-third-street-815-tickets-944593834587

Venice Art Crawl: Since its inception 14 years ago, the Venice Art Crawl has been dedicated to keeping art alive in the community and fostering a supportive and dynamic environment for both artists and art lovers. The Venice Art Crawl's mission is to preserve the arts in Venice, a place that has historically been known as a vibrant and dynamic art community. Thursday, Aug. 15, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. https://www.veniceartcrawl.com

Night Market at The Bungalow: Every Thursday night through Aug. 29, expect food vendors, beverage activations, family-friendly activities, live musical and DJ performances, and celebrity guest appearances. Free and open to the public for guests of all ages and pet friendly. Thursdays 5:00 - 11:00p.m. August 15 brings a live DJ performance by James Kennedy, accompanied by brand activations from Kendall Jenner's 818 Tequila and Kylie Jenner's canned Sprinter Vodka Soda. https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/activities/night-market/

Olivia Rodrigo Tour Bus Experience Coming to the Promenade: The GUTS World Tour Bus Experience is an interactive event that lets fans step into the world of GUTS!! Fans can explore photo ops with replica GUTS world tour set pieces like the crescent moon and the 'spill ur guts' toilet, see SOUR tour outfits worn by Olivia, shop and customize exclusive merch, enter for a chance to win tour tix and more. Friday & Saturday, Aug. 16 and 17 @ 1215 3rd St. https://store.oliviarodrigo.com/pages/guts-bus

Westside Ballet Hosts Cabaret Soirée: A celebration of a multitude of bellydance styles, including the American Cabaret Style, this show will feature group and solo guest artists and students and will culminate with a full-length improvised cabaret solo by master instructor and superstar performer, Ansuya. Aug. 16 & 17, 7:00p.m. @ 1709 Stewart St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cabaret-soiree-tickets-914906047617

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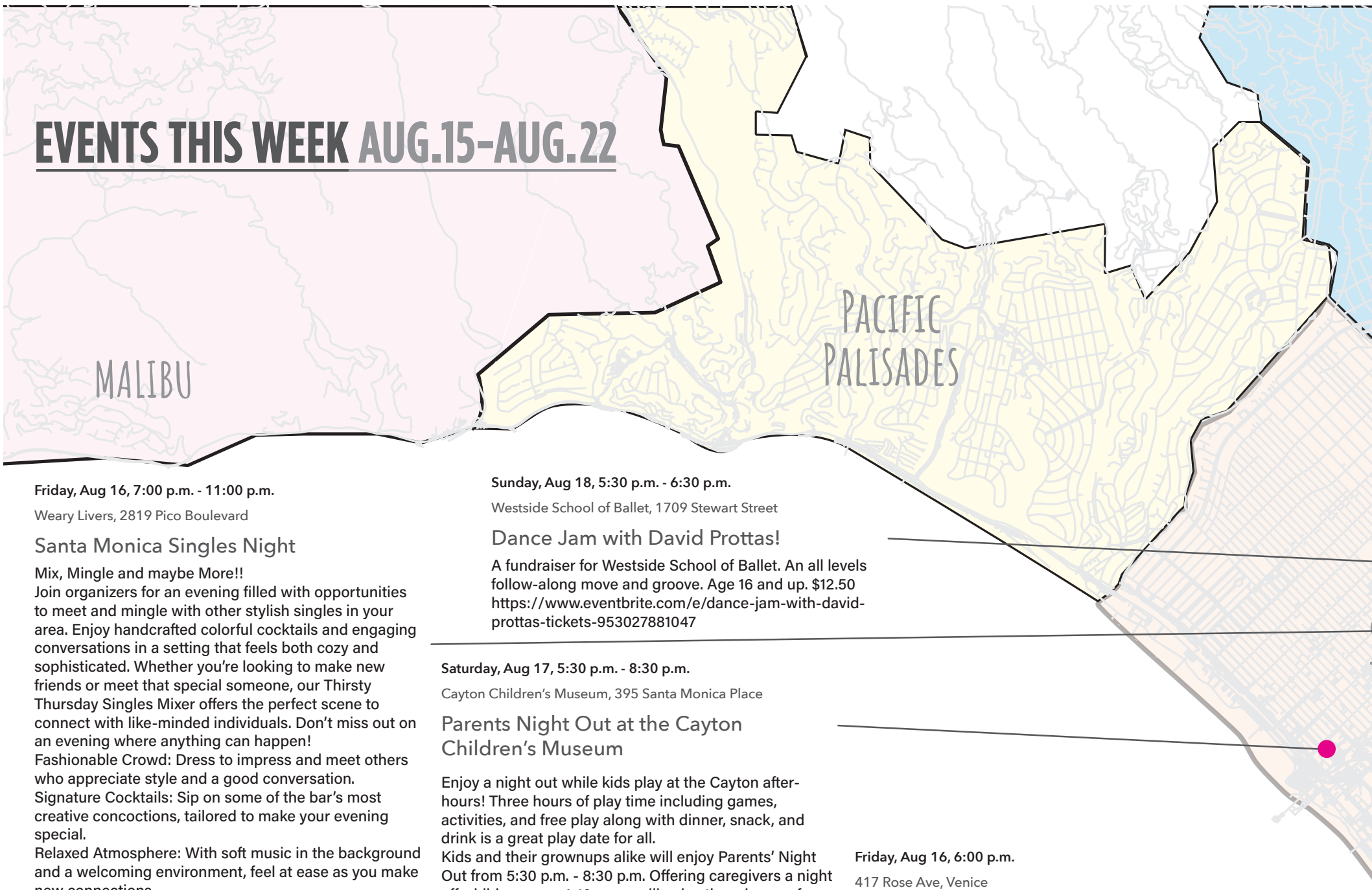
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EVENTS THIS WEEK AUG.15-AUG.22



Friday, Aug 16, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Weary Livers, 2819 Pico Boulevard

Santa Monica Singles Night

Mix, Mingle and maybe More!!
Join organizers for an evening filled with opportunities to meet and mingle with other stylish singles in your area. Enjoy handcrafted colorful cocktails and engaging conversations in a setting that feels both cozy and sophisticated. Whether you're looking to make new friends or meet that special someone, our Thirsty Thursday Singles Mixer offers the perfect scene to connect with like-minded individuals. Don't miss out on an evening where anything can happen!
Fashionable Crowd: Dress to impress and meet others who appreciate style and a good conversation.
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Relaxed Atmosphere: With soft music in the background and a welcoming environment, feel at ease as you make new connections.
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https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-singles-night-tickets-947109027597

Sunday, Aug 18, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Westside School of Ballet, 1709 Stewart Street

Dance Jam with David Prottas!

A fundraiser for Westside School of Ballet. An all levels follow-along move and groove. Age 16 and up. $12.50
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dance-jam-with-david-prottas-tickets-953027881047

Saturday, Aug 17, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cayton Children's Museum, 395 Santa Monica Place

Parents Night Out at the Cayton Children's Museum

Enjoy a night out while kids play at the Cayton after-hours! Three hours of play time including games, activities, and free play along with dinner, snack, and drink is a great play date for all.
Kids and their grownups alike will enjoy Parents' Night Out from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Offering caregivers a night off, children ages 4-10 years will enjoy three hours of activities and free play supervised by the Cayton's Play Guides. Games and activities include life-size Connect Four, bean bag tosses, floor bowling and more, along with dinner, a snack and a drink. This limited-time series is offered the third Saturday each month from April through August and is open to both members and non-members.
$50 per child, $45 per sibling For the sibling discount, please enter PNO10% at checkout. Reacher members receive 10% off
https://www.caytonmuseum.org/programs/parents-night-out

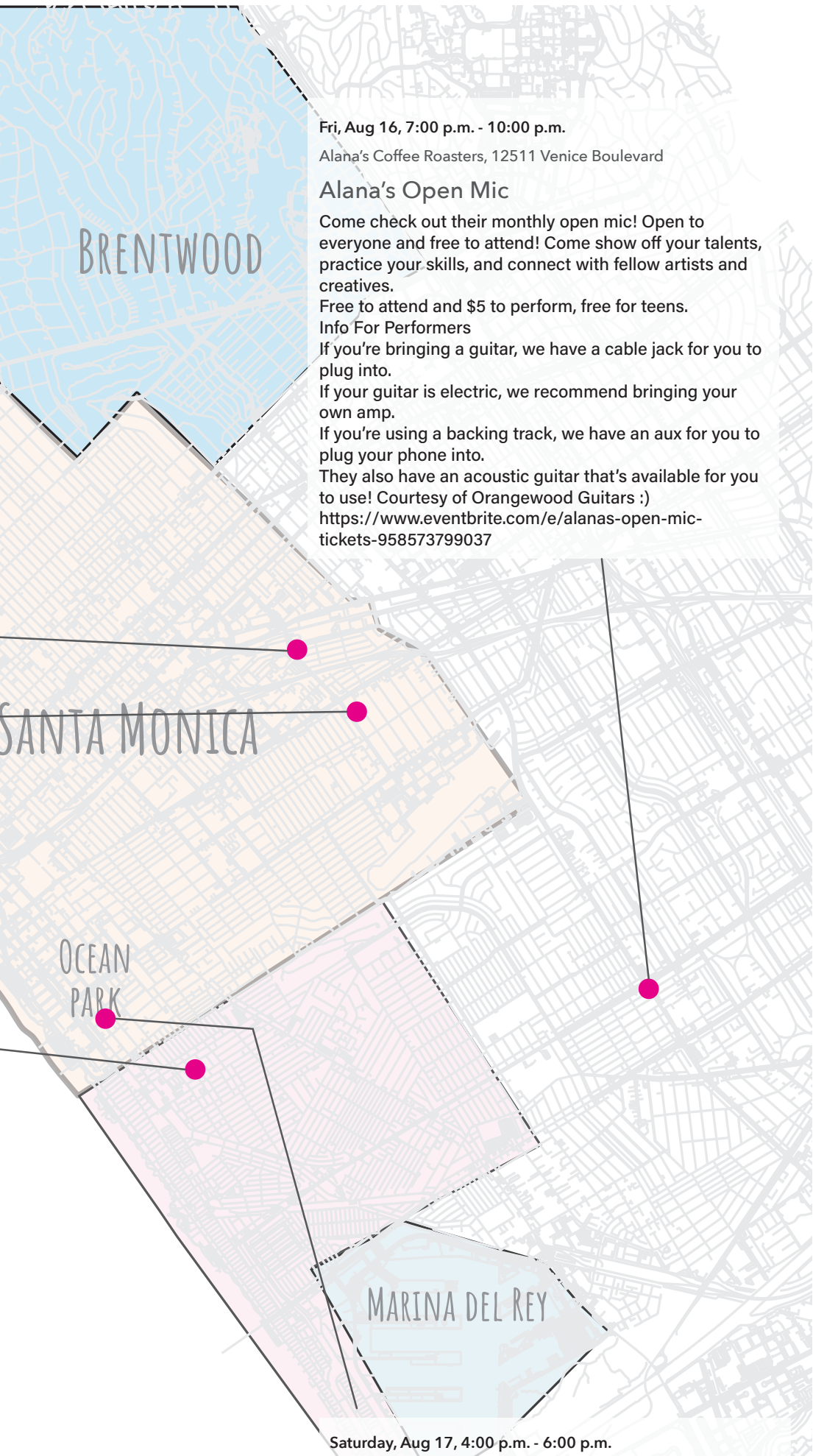
Friday, Aug 16, 6:00 p.m.

417 Rose Ave, Venice

Grounding with Crystals 101

Join organizers for an immersive workshop designed to help you connect with the earth's energy and find balance in your daily life at the Venice Apothecary on Friday, August 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
This event will guide you through the essentials of grounding, focusing on the root chakra and its vital role in our overall well-being.
Your journey will begin with a grounding beverage as we dive into the importance of grounding for mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Learn to recognize signs of being ungrounded and discover practical tools to realign yourself.
Throughout the workshop, we will explore the chakra system, with special attention to the root chakra, and understand how it affects your sense of security and connection to the world around you. You will be introduced to powerful grounding crystals and plant tools that teach you how to harness their properties in your daily life, like Smoky Quartz, Red Jasper, Palo Santo, and White Sage.
The experience will end with a guided meditation with Smoky Quartz, and brief teachings of simple yet effective movement and breath practices to feel grounded on the go. Each participant will take home a curated set of grounding tools:
▪ Smoky Quartz point from Brazil▪ Red Jasper crystal from India▪ Palo Santo from Peru▪ White Sage from Topanga
Participants will also receive handouts to support your ongoing practice.
Option to bring a pen and notebook for note taking. $84
https://www.universe.com/events/grounding-with-crystals-101-tickets-M2TFKJ

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Fri, Aug 16, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Alana's Coffee Roasters, 12511 Venice Boulevard

Alana's Open Mic

Come check out their monthly open mic! Open to everyone and free to attend! Come show off your talents, practice your skills, and connect with fellow artists and creatives.
Free to attend and $5 to perform, free for teens.
Info For Performers
If you're bringing a guitar, we have a cable jack for you to plug into.
If your guitar is electric, we recommend bringing your own amp.
If you're using a backing track, we have an aux for you to plug your phone into.
They also have an acoustic guitar that's available for you to use! Courtesy of Orangewood Guitars :)
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alanas-open-mic-tickets-958573799037

Saturday, Aug 17, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mystic Journey Bookstore, 2923 Main St

Book Party at Mystic Journey Bookstore

Saturday August 17, from 4-6 p.m., they'll be having a book event at the Mystic Journey Bookstore in Santa Monica! Harp Player Karina Ward will play, along with food, drink, a short talk and a tarot reading give away. They will have a brief talk about High Priestess and Empress and Pamela Colman Smith, the mother of the modern tarot deck, and the muses in her life!
RSVP at https://www.mysticjourneybookstore.com/events/high-priestess-and-empress



THURSDAY | AUGUST 15

AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. IRENA SMITH
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica College Library, 1900 Pico Blvd and online. Dr. Irena Smith, a former Stanford Admissions Officer, will talk to parents about constructive and healthy ways to approach the college application process, preserve relationships with their teens and help them define success on their terms instead of chasing the elusive "golden ticket." Free event. To register, visit: https://libraryc.org/smclibrary/52840/register.

SUNSET PICNIC
5 - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. It's Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Beach House, so pack your favorite picnic dinner, fancy or casual, bring your family and friends and your fun activities (games, dominoes, checkers). Enjoy a fun, casual beachfront summer evening with a musical duo vibing in the background and s'mores for dessert. No glass or alcohol are allowed.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
6 p.m. City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. The Commission will also assist in the planning and promotion of a recreation program for residents and solicit the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION
6 - 7 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets in person. August's selection is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

AUGUST VENICE ART CRAWL
6 - 10 p.m. Venice Canals, Venice. This vibrant event will be held on the Venice Canals. Meet inspiring artists, discover hidden gems and experience the magic of this iconic neighborhood stretch.

FRIDAY | AUGUST 16

FREE PRODUCE MARKET
12 - 2 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come pick up refreshing summer fruits and vegetables at Seeds of Hope Free Produce Market at Virginia Avenue Park in the Patio Room. Strawberries, watermelon and much more available. Supplies limited to the first 150 families. For questions, call 310-458-8688.

SATURDAY | AUGUST 17

BEST TOMATO COMPETITION
9 - 11 a.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. The monthly Ishihara Park Learning Garden community event, always free and open to all the public, will have locals bring their homegrown tomatoes and put them to the test against others around Santa Monica. Join in the fun and be a guest judge to help determine the best tomato in Santa Monica. Participate in Garden Bingo for your chance to win some fun prizes. Tomato entries must be received by 9:30 a.m., with testing starting promptly at 10 a.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. The booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays.

ENDLESS SUMMER C.A.M.P.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave. This family-friendly celebration invites attendees to pack a picnic, blankets and beach chairs and enjoy an afternoon showcasing artists from across Santa Monica and the LA region sharing their culture through unique performances and hands-on crafts. This week's showcases are a puppet show from Bob Baker Marionette Theater, Grammy-nominated family artists Andrew & Polly and a puppet-making workshop with reDiscover Center.

WRITE A SONG IN ONE HOUR
2 - 3:15 p.m. MLK, Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Matt Collette leads this unique and engaging workshop. The founder of HRA Studios in West LA, Matt has mentored musicians now touring the world and composing for film and television. For adults and teens.

BOOK PARTY
4 - 6 p.m. Mystic Journey Bookstore, 2923 Main St. Mystic Journey Bookstore in Santa Monica will be a destination for food, drink, live music, a brief book discussion with "High Priestess and Empress" author Susan Wands, and a tarot reading give-away. Come join for a celebration of this second book in a series based on Pamela Colman Smith, mother of the modern tarot deck. Book signing will also take place. Free event, to RSVP visit: https://www.mysticjourneybookstore.com/events/high-priestess-and-empress.

DOGTOWN EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION
4 - 7 p.m. Venice Arts Gallery, 13445 Beach Ave., Marina del Rey. Venice arts is excited to celebrate the release of Dotan Sage's latest monograph "Dogtown: The Pups of Venice Beach." Venice Arts will be exhibiting photographs from Dogtown, a documentation of the lively and humanistic essence of the dogs of Venice Beach. Published by Kehrer Verlag, Dogtown is Sage's third monograph, with the monograph and select prints will be available for sale during the opening of the exhibition. The artist is donating a percentage of all sales from the opening to support Venice Arts' free photography programs for low-income young people.

TK

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had eight TK classrooms, which jumped to 12 as of last year. For 2024-25, two new classrooms are being added, upping the number to 14 and highlighting the newfound popularity of the program with local parents. Class sizes are maxed out at 24 students, though the upcoming state regulations will cap classes at 20, likely necessitating even more classroom coverage.

The Early Learning branch of the district previously pushed for preschool students to be involved in school events on elementary campuses, making both the kids and their parents feel at home, an integral part of changing over to the TK process.

"(An) intent behind it was to kind of create relationships such that families felt welcome even before their child was technically entering the elementary school experience … I like to think (that's) kind of the forefront of what TK has become," Samarge-Powell said. "We really had that already in mind … kids coming to use earlier means that they get to know us better."

Another statewide challenge in increasing TK enrollment is in the staffing department, as districts are struggling to hire properly-credentialed teachers. By next school year, TK teachers will be required to have 24 school credits in early childhood education, in addition to their multiple subject area credentials. Local college programs, such as online classes at Santa Monica College, offered a chance to achieve those credits and also gain the necessary classroom experience.

At first, the state didn't give what Samarge-Powell called an "easy path" for preschool teachers to be credentialed, despite having the experience of teaching students of the same age. She added that preschool teachers weren't able to take the time off to gain credentials, but are now able to take coursework along with their in-class work that acts as an "internship" before transitioning to TK.



Courtesy photo

TK: Franklin Elementary School TK teacher Danielle Eden's co-teaching class is one of two such arrangements in SMMUSD..

Out of the 14 TK classrooms spread out across Santa Monica and Malibu, 11 of those are general education, two being "co-teaching" and one being a Specialized Academic Instruction classroom at Roosevelt Elementary School. The district has implemented a 12:1 student-to-teacher ratio in TK classrooms, which includes arrangements such as one teacher and an instructional aide. This ratio will shrink to 10:1 with upcoming state regulations.

Samarge-Powell called co-teaching "one of our most stellar experiences" in early learning, a system in which a general education teacher and a specialized academic instructor collaborate in an inclusive gen-ed class for students who are placed per individualized education plans. Instead of splitting the class in two, the co-teaching arrangement sees the two instructors deliver curriculum and assessment together, communicating with parents every step of the way. Currently, co-teaching arrangements are present at Franklin Elementary School and Malibu Elementary School.

"This is a program that we want to ensure (has) success, so you need to have staff who understand that the model is really (is) all of our students together," Samarge-Powell added. "We are co-teaching … not (one) would have the special-ed students, (one has) the gen-ed students … that's not the way it works. We have teachers of all the students in the classroom, and so that's definitely something we're trying to grow."

Another hurdle to further statewide TK interests is facility health, with districts scrambling to find space for new TK classrooms, which require extra square footage than a typical kindergarten classroom.

This November will feature both a state and local ballot item to help remedy facility needs, those being $10 billion bond Proposition 2 as well as a local bond for School Facility Improvement District #1 totaling $495 million. SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton told the district's Board of Education recently that work on TK classrooms is a "new challenge," and the bond money would be used in part to construct and reconfigure spaces for the grade level.

Though Samarge-Powell stated that "parents know their children best" and that they need to make the best early education decisions for their families, the district's TK program is a strong option for them.

"You have teachers who are so committed to the learning experiences of young children, and they help kids see the joy in learning … that's what Transitional Kindergarten is supposed to be about," she said, "It's supposed to be about loving being at school and wanting to know and learn more with your friends … so I think families who are on the fence about what that's going to look like for them, I think that what they will typically find in a classroom is kids who are having fun being in the school experience (and) also learning about what school is."

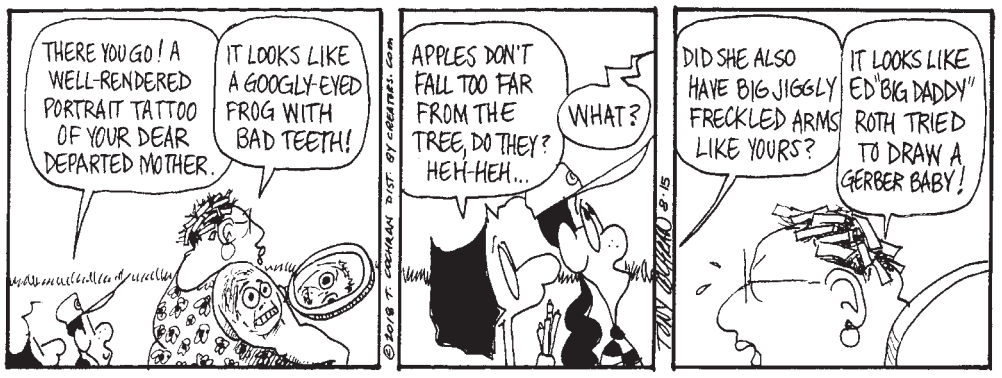
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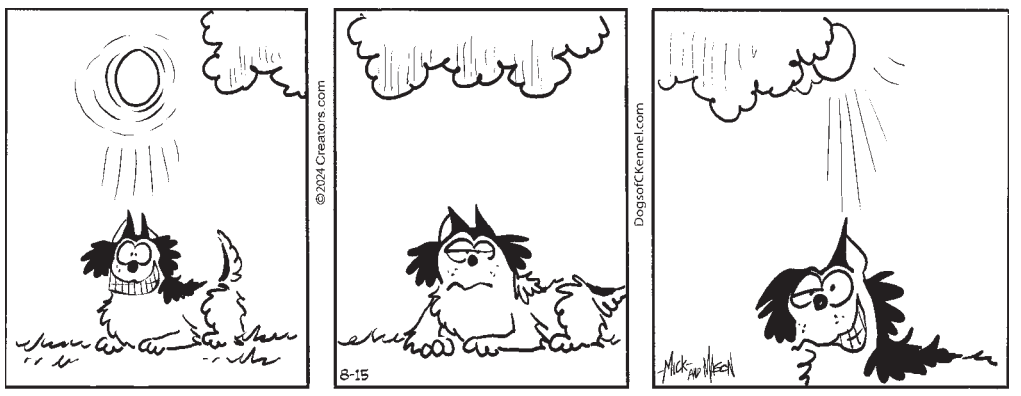
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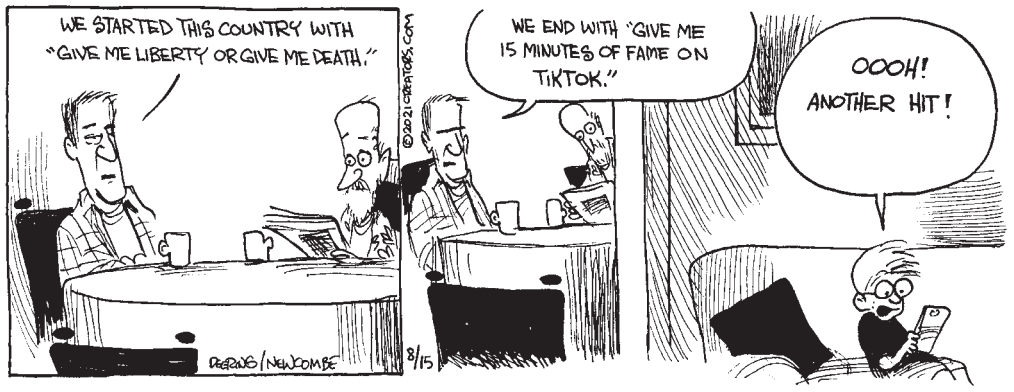
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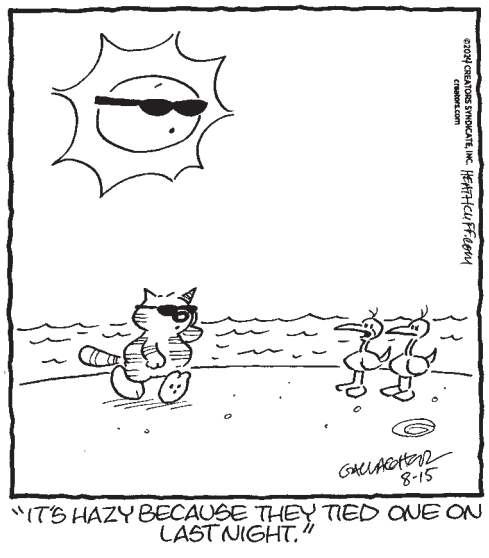
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"IT'S HAZY BECAUSE THEY TIED ONE ON LAST NIGHT."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6303

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Bays	Gorge	Ocean	Surf
Blue	Gull	Osprey	Swim
Boats	Harvey	Pool	Tide
Boya	Hotel	Rips	Tour
Cafe	Lagrange	Ritual	Vast
Calm	Link	Rocks	Walk
Caravans	Moora	Salt lake	Warm
Caution	Muja	Sealed	Wild
Denmark	Music	Shells	Wine
Drive	Nacre	Sparse	Wreck

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15)

Sometimes you feel like you live for your loved ones, but the fact is that you are most fully yourself when you're giving your all with that big, beautiful, open heart of yours. Adoring eyes will sparkle up your days. More highlights: Fun entertainment, free tickets and exciting opportunities in abundance... but the real gold comes from projects initiated by you. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 30, 8, 17 and 44.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You see qualities in others that they've either lost track of or haven't been able to celebrate in themselves. Your kind observations are valuable gifts you will deliver with sensitivity and restraint.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Unspoken thoughts will have more power than spoken ones. Silence is your right and can shield you from judgment, protect your vulnerabilities and maintain your privacy until you're ready to share.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you understand human nature doesn't mean you always like it. Realistically, many are acting solely in their own interest, but avoid cynicism because there are also many as caring and generous as you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll serve and guide others, strengthening the bonds that keep relationships rolling along. The support and care you provide will impact someone's life very positively in ways that will only be detectable much further down the line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Reciprocity is a spiritual tenant, a religious cornerstone, and an inescapable physical reality that will be clearly represented in your life today. You'll be delighted at how others rise to meet your offerings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's enough drama that occurs naturally in life; you don't feel compelled to seek it out. You'll cut out anything that might cause unwanted drama so you can be rested and ready when life naturally throws you a plot twist.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll notice on a more conscious level the influence you are orbiting. It's now easier to see how you are elevated or diminished by the things you long for. Harness your own power to draw in what you seek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've no interest in the kind of victory that comes at the expense of another. There's a delicate balance in today's competition, and it would be a mistake to upset it unintentionally. Keep the peace until it's time to make your move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You sense that being scattered is just as unproductive as having no direction. What distractions can you avoid or limit so you can focus on what's important? There's a chance to develop the optimal disciplines and balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's too much to expect yourself to accomplish everything without support. Don't go to extremes; deprivation isn't true discipline. The goal is to manage, not restrict. Create an environment that supports your goals and helps you achieve them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Celebrate what's good; it keeps you from getting greedy. Success is a matter of sticking with what you're doing and being consistent with how you're doing it. When a thing is going well, don't change a thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unusual ideas pop to mind. Perhaps the strangest one is a belief that interesting things could develop out of relaxation. Do you dare do nothing for a while? The fates will favor the choice. You'll be amazed at what comes from it.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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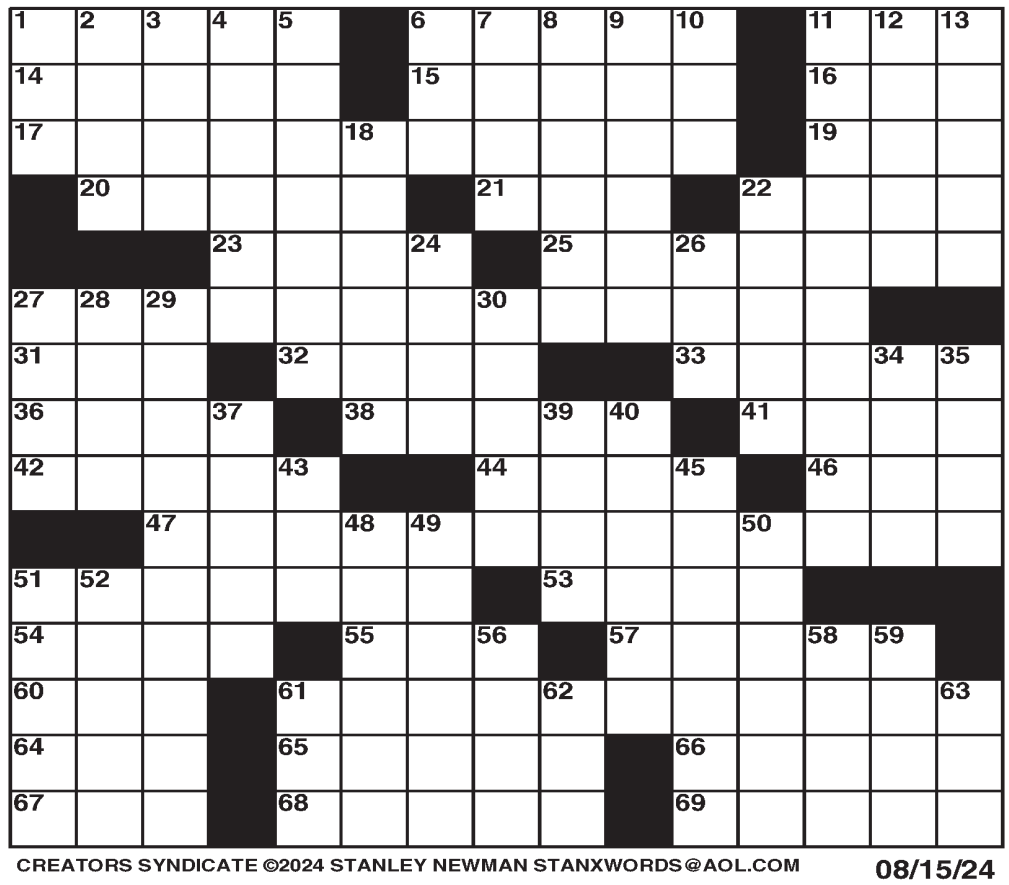
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15 Wall climbers
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22 Norse Zeus
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25 Humor or spoil
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31 Dodeca- fraction
32 Corrodes
33 Strategic phases
36 Diner delivery
38 Sleeping
41 Opposite of *sans*
42 Snicker sound
44 Others: Lat.
46 Royal reign, perhaps
47 ...by a brat
51 Ecologist's concern
53 Gelatin substitute
54 Gull cousin
55 The puck stops here
57 Canada's Saint __ Mountains
60 *Familia* member
61 ...by a referee
64 Luau course
65 Come about
66 Quench
67 Circle on New Mexico's flag
68 Low maintenance plants
69 Fundamental belief

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5 Person's height
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10 Zebra cousin
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18 Angular measure in math
22 From, informally
24 Analogy phrase
26 JAMA readers
27 Margin marking
28 Craving
29 Creative side, supposedly
30 Spanish 101 word
34 Major source of copper
35 Something shady
37 Make welcome
39 "Final word" in cosmetics
40 Swiss child psychologist
43 Driver announcing ETAs
45 Thorough investigator
48 Chain with bread bowls
49 What many cuisines are
50 It's unimportant
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56 Have legs
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62 Wearable scented souvenir
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TOWN

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"DOGTOWN: The Pups of Venice Beach and Their Humans" Exhibit Opening: This showcases the work of photographer Dotan Saguy capturing the lively and humanistic essence of the dogs of Venice Beach. The opening reception will be at the Venice Arts Gallery at 13445 Beach Avenue, Venice, CA, 90292 on Aug. 17, 4 – 7p.m. Tickets are free with a suggested donation of $20. dotandogtown.eventbrite.com

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Fōnuts Grand Opening: They'll be officially celebrating with a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, led by the Mayor of Santa Monica, Phil Brock. They'll be handing out free mini fonuts while supplies last, and showcasing all their new bread, cakes, and pastries, and of course all the fonuts. Thursday, August 15 at 10:00a.m. @ 709 Montana Ave. https://www.fonuts.com/

Pasjoli Summer of Sous Series: Throughout August, the Michelin-starred Main St. staple is showcasing their "talented team of sous chefs who are in the kitchen with Chef Dave each night" by letting them "take over the Pasjoli kitchen for one night to showcase their own personal cooking style & influences." Each four-course menu is priced at $95 per person. Thursday, Aug. 15, features Chef Casey presenting "a mid-summer dinner party with flavors of a true So Cal summer." https://www.pasjoli.com/summer-of-sous

All Out for Fallout Day: Fans of Amazon's Fallout series are in for a treat as Amazon MGM Studios teams up with 33 local businesses on Thursday, August 15 in a nod to Vault 33. The Window in Venice will dish out their signature double burgers for just 33 cents, Sweet Rose Creamery is scooping 33-cent ice cream, Trejo's Coffee & Donuts is offering free Fallout-themed donuts, and Pacific Park on the Pier is offering 33-cent churros. More info here: https://alloutforfallout.com/

Mélisse's 25th Anniversary with Chef Thomas Keller: As part of their 25th anniversary celebration, America's most celebrated chef will be "creating a bespoke tasting menu." The experience won't come cheap though at $1,584.84 per person. Wednesday, August 21 @ 1104 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=543&restref=543&experienceId=326928

Jason Neroni Pop-Up @ Esters Wine Bar: Pop-up season has returned with the former Rose Cafe / Best Bet chef. Wednesday, Aug. 21, 4:30 - 9:30p.m. https://resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/esters-wine-shop-and-bar?date=2024-08-21

Further Afield: AVP Manhattan Beach Open: Watch all US Olympians (Kloth, Nuss, Cheng, Hughes, Budinger, Evans, Pertain, Benesh) and others up close for FREE! Friday - Sunday, Aug. 16 - 17 @ Manhattan Beach Pier https://avp.com/event/2024-manhattan-beach-open/

LOOKING AHEAD: Montana Ave. Dog Daze (8/24), The Pier's Birthday Bash (9/6), Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (9/7), Opera at the Beach (9/21), Montana Ave. Art Walk (9/28); Americana in the Park (Sundays in September)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Olivia Rodrigo & Food Events

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear editor,

As the country and the rest of the world experience another year of scorching heat waves, private for-profit utility companies — who we rely upon for our basic necessities like heating, cooling and electricity — are keeping us reliant on climate-wrecking fossil fuels while reporting record profits.

When they work well, utilities exist in the background of our lives: they power our homes, cool us down when it's hot, and give us heat when it's cold. But too often, they are sources of aggravation: The power goes off when it's dangerously hot or cold out, our bills skyrocket, and these for-profit companies threaten to shut off services when we're unable to pay.

We know that climate change raises those stakes even higher, and utility companies themselves play a massive role in exacerbating the climate crisis: 80% of electric utilities in the U.S. run on fossil fuels.

Shifting utilities to clean energy is integral to working toward a safer climate, but these private, for-profit companies would rather maintain the status quo and keep the public in the dark. Utility companies are charging us more while they get paid off by the fossil fuel industry to block the transition to renewable energy.

Utility companies have gotten away with profiting at the expense of people and our planet for too long. It's time we hold them accountable and demand they stop using our money to burn our future while individuals and families struggle. We deserve an energy system that allows everyone to have access to clean and affordable energy.

Sincerely,

Diane Olson, Santa Monica

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make observations and point patterns over time. He and his colleagues built a prototype in a little under a week and tested it to see if it resonated with people. And the rest is history.

Raised in Boston, MA, Bader (40) says he's been programming since he was in early teens. After relocating Silicon Valley, he worked for a startup there that was eventually acquired by Google. Consequently, he moved over to the tech giant for a few years, but soon began to feel the need to get back to grass roots and build from scratch once again. That lasted for a couple of years and then he chose to leave Silicon Valley for good and he spent a few years traveling around the world, learning to make and produce music along the way. And that ultimately led him to Los Angeles.

Following two rounds of relatively modest investment, Bader says the mission now is distribution and awareness. "The level of impact it's having on people is definitely remarkable," he says, adding, "I think because it's a more personal type of tool, it's not the type of thing that is going to spread like a social network. So our mission now is just to build awareness, to continue to partner with therapists, coaches and organizations to deliver this as a solution for in-between care."

He says that they work with a significant number of therapists who recommend Rosebud to their clients to use between sessions because they obviously can't offer a professional service 24/7.

"They use this because they trust that it's going to be able to guide them along and provide that service," Bader says.

Rosebud can be found on both the App Store and Google Play along with more information and a lot of very positive testimonials at rosebud.ap.

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NOTEWORTHY

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we are. And if you are as a big a Dvořák fan as I am, this is a great week. Tues 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $1-150.

"Electric Lady Studios: A Jimi Hendrix Vision" film – maybe mostly for Hendrix fans, but they are legion. For any real music fans, really, this is a glimpse inside the studio Jimi built for himself in NY. It drew everyone from the Stones to Stevie Winwood to John Lennon. Tues 7:30 p.m., Monica Film Center, Santa Monica, $13.

GARY CLARK JR. – I first saw him so long ago that he was known then as a phenomenal blues player; now he has blown apart so many styles he is known simply as an electric guitar wizard. Sure, he'll be even better in a year or two, but you definitely should go see him now. Wed 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $10-144.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): "Wild Things Are Happening: The Art of Maurice Sendak," Skirball, 8/15-9/1; Joshua Bell, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/15; Theatricum Botanicum - "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 8/15, 29 - "Wendy's Peter Pan" 8/18, 25 - "The Winter's Tale" 8/16, 24 - "Tartuffe-Born Again" 8/18, 25, 30, "The Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx/Latine Vote" 8/24, 31; "The Substance of Fire," Ruskin Group Theatre, 8/15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 9/1; 10ccc, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 8/15; Lila Downs, Marina del Rey summer concert series, 8/17; All-Dvořák with Midori, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/20; "Electric Lady Studios:A Jimi Hendrix Vision," Monica Film Center, 8/20; Gary Clark Jr., Hollywood Bowl, 8/21; Ghostland Observatory, Teragram Ballroom, 8/24; Ash Grove Alumni, McCabe's, 8/25; Santana, Kia Forum, 8/28; Dudamel & Yunchan Lim, Hollywood Bowl, 8/29; "Fool in Love" Festival, Hollywood Park, 8/31.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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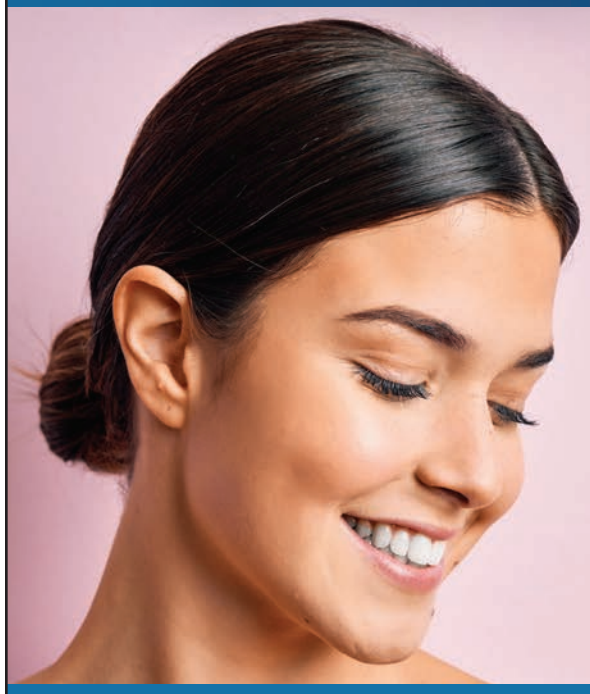
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